



[Rep. Pence organizes Muncie job fair](#)

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Muncie - Congressman Mike Pence held a job fair Tuesday at Ball State, as the state's unemployment rate continues to rise.

It's been a difficult four months for Brian Kemp. Unemployed since April, he's decided to take a class to get his CDL to support his family. Armed with that, he was surprised to find he is quite marketable.

"Carter Express has jobs and another company said as soon as I get out of training, call them and they will be hiring," Kemp said.

He was one of many attending Tuesday's 2010 Sixth Congressional District Job Fair at Ball

State.

"I'm really interested in clerical, but right now, I just really would like anything," said Marla Spates.

Spates recently moved to Indiana from Ohio. She was also surprised with how many companies had openings.

"I have an interview with Ball State tomorrow, so hopefully that will turn out," said Spates.

Sarah Keagy brought her daughter Savanna along for the job hunt.

"There's different jobs. More jobs than I thought was out there," Keagy said.

What made Tuesday's job fair more interesting than most in Indiana is that it includes four counties that have the highest unemployment rates in the entire state.

Manpower is looking to fill customer service and automotive manufacturing jobs.

"I was expecting to see more auto workers, more people from manufacturing base," said Manpower's Kimberly Gruesbeck. "They are out there."

By midday, around 600 Hoosiers had stopped in. That number doubled by day's end. Congressman Pence had to tend to his business in Washington, so he could not attend.

"We have seen an awful lot of folks who have a desire to get in the workplace and support their

families," said Lani Czarniecki.

That has always been there, but now, at least this job fair there may finally be a ray of opportunity.